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SUBJECT: 32ND UNGA, SECOND COMMITTEE - FINANCING OF NATURAL RESOURCE EXPLORATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

REF: (A) USUN 5556; (B) USUN 4873; (C) STATE 292310;
(D) STATE 296876

1. RESOLUTION A/C.2/32/L.46 ON MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE EXPLORATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES WAS ADOPTED BY VOTE DURING DECEMBER 13, 1977, SESSION. VOTE COUNT WAS YES - 108; NO - 0; ABSTAIN - 7 (U.S.).

2. DURING INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS G-77 REJECTED SUGGESTIONS FOR MODIFICATIONS OF TEXT (REF C), LEAVING OBJECTIONABLE LANGUAGE IN SEVERAL PARAGRAPHS (REF A). BECAUSE TEXT WAS PRESENTED TO SECOND COMMITTEE WITH NO AGREED RESULTS FROM
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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS, CHAIRMAN PUT RESOLUTION TO VOTE. U.S. DELEGATION ABSTAINED ACCORDING TO GUIDANCE REF D AND WAS JOINED BY UK, FRG, FRANCE, ITALY, BELGIUM, AND CHINA WHO ALSO FOUND DIFFICULTIES IN RESOLUTION AS IT STOOD. FRG AND FRANCE EXPRESSED DOUBTS OVER USEFULNESS OF PROPOSED STUDY. UK REFERRED TO THE EXPLORATION FOR NATURAL' RESOURCES AS "HIGH RISK ACTIVITY" WHICH WAS PROPER FIELD

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FOR PRIVATE SECTOR RATHER THAN MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS.
NETHERLANDS SUPPORTED RESOLUTION BUT EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS
OVER EXPANSION OF REVOLVING FUND. CHINA GAVE NO EXPLANA-
TION OF VOTE.

3. U.S. DELEGATION DELIVERED FOLLOWING STATEMENT DRAWN
FROM GUIDANCE REF D:

"MR. CHAIRMAN:

THE UNITED STATES FULLY SHARES THE BASIC OBJECTIVE
OF THIS RESOLUTION -- TO PROMOTE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITA-
TION OF NATURAL RESOURCES. SUCH EFFORTS ARE CRITICALLY IM-
PORTANT NOT ONLY FOR PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN COUN-
TRIES WITH EXPLOITABLE RESOURCES BUT ALSO FOR ENSURING ADE-
QUATE SUPPLIES OF RAW MATERIALS FOR AN EXPANDING GLOBAL ECON-
OMY. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE SUPPORTED EFFORTS OF MULTILATERAL
AGENCIES SUCH AS THE UNITED NATIONS REVOLVING FUND FOR NATURAL
RESOURCES AND THE IBRD IN THIS REGARD. WE ALSO CONSIDER THAT
PRIVATE INVESTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN CONTRI-
BUTING TO RESOURCE EXPLORATION.

WHILE WE SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A STUDY, AS SUGGESTED
BY THE RESOLUTION BEFORE US, WE REGRET THAT ITS TERMS
OF REFERENCE TEND TO PREJUDGE THE OUTCOME. IN PARTICU-
LAR, WE DOUBT THE WISDOM OF MAKING ADVANCE COMMITMENTS
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TO INCREASING THE RESOURCES OF THE UNITED NATIONS REVOLV-
ING FUND OR TO PROVIDING CONCESSIONAL FINANCING FOR NATU-
RAL RESOUJCE EXPLORATION. WE DO NOT RULE OUT THOSE POSSI-
BILITIES AS LEGITIMATE CONCLUSIONS OF A STUDY, BUT WE CON-
SIDER IT PREMATURE AND UNWISE TO PRE-EMPT THE STUDY ITSELF.
SIMILARLY, THE RESOLUTION SEEMS TO PRESUME THE NEED FOR NEW
OR DRASTICALLY ALTERED TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER MECHANISMS, A
TOPIC UNDER INTENSE CONSIDERATION IN OTHER FORUMS IN THE UN
SYTEM. WE WOULD PREFERE THAT THE PROPOSED STUDY BE DIRECTED
AT THE AVAILABILITY GENERALLY OF TECHNOLOGY FOR NATURAL RE-
SOURCE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION.

MY DELEGATION IS ALSO CONCERNED THAT THE INTRODUC-
TORY PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH APPEARS TO BASE THE RESOLUTION IT-
SELF ON CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 3201 (S-VI) RELATING
TO PERMANENT SOVIEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOUCES ON WHICH THE
UNITED STATES MAINTAINS ITS RESERVATIONS AND RESTATES ITS
UNDERSTANDING THAT A STATE'S EXERCISE OF PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY
OVER NATURAL RESOURCES SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

FURTHER, TO THE EXTENT THAT THE LAST PREAMBULAR

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PARAGRAPH MIGHT BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN IMPLEMENTATION ON THE
SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION REOLUTIONS, MY DELEGATION MUST REITERATE
THAT THE UNITED STATES MAINTAINS ITS RESERVATIONS ON
THOSE RESOLUTIONS.

IN RECENT DAYS WE HAVE CONVEYED SUCH CONCERNS
AS THESE TO THE SPONSORS OF THE RESOLUTION. UNFORTUNATELY,
SINCE THE RESOLUTION AS NOW PRESENTED DOES NOT ACCOMMODATE
THESE CONCERNS, WE HAVE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO MAKE THIS
STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD AND HAVE ABSTAINED ON THIS RESOLU-
TION."

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4. FOLLOWING IS FINAL ADOPTED TEXT OF RESOLUTION WITH
AMENDMENT FROM FLOOR AS NOTED IN PARAGRAPH 1 (B).

QUOTE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING THE RELEVANT PROVISION OF ITS RESOLUTION 3201 (S-VI)
ON PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES,
REAFFIRMING THAT THE EFFECTIVE DISCOVERY, EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT
AND CONSERVATION OF THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES BY DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES IS INDISPENSABLE TO THE MOBILIZATION OF THEIR

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RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT,
BEARING IN MIND ESPECIALLY THE OVER-ALL IMPACT OF NATURAL RESOURCEX
ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE CONNEXION
THEREOF WITH THE FLOW OF CAPITAL AND THE
TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY,
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EMPHASIZING THE LINK BETWEEN THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE STRUCTURE OF
THE RAW MATERIALS MARKETS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE INTEREST OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE ADEQUATE FLOW OF INVESTMENT INTO THE
RAW MATERIALS SECTOR,
NOTING THAT SEVERAL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DESIRING TO DO SO HAVE
BEEN UNABLE TO UNDERTAKE SYSTEMATICALLY THE SURVEY OF THEIR NATURAL
RESOURCES,
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE
ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
EMPHASIZING ALSO THE NEED TO INCREASE, INTER ALIA, THE
RESOURCES OF THE UNITED NATIONS REVOLVING FUND FOR
NATURAL RESOURCES,
RECALLING ALSO THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND
DUTIES OF STATES,
RECALLING FURTHER THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR
THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE,
EMPHASIZING FURTHER THE NEED FOR URGENT SPECIFIC ACTION IN ORDER
TO ESTABLISH THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER,
1. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PREPARE, WITH THE ASSISTANCE
OF A GROUP OF HIGH-LEVEL EXPERTS APPOINTED BY HIM ON THE
RECOMMENDATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND WITH DUE REGARD TO
EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION, A REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING,
INCLUDING CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT STUDIES ALREADY UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS
SYSTEM, ON:
(A) AN ESTIMATE OF THE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS OVER THE NEXT 10 TO
15 YEARS FOR THE EXPLORATION AND LOCATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH INDICATE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
THEIR INTEREST;
(B) THE AVAILABILITY OF MULTILATERAL MECHANISMS FOR THE
PROVISION OF ADEQUATE FINANCE FOR THE EXPLORATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE AVAILABILITY OF SOFT LOANS
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WITH AN ELEMENT OF SUBSIDY, FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
BEARING IN MIND, INTER ALIA, THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE LEAST
DEVELOPED, LAND-LOCKED, ISLAND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE
MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED AMONG THEM;

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(C) THE AVAILABILITY OF MECHANISMS FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES;
2. ALSO REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PROVIDE THE GROUP WITH MATERIAL FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER INTERESTED BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM;
3. DECIDES TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AT ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION.

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